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Mr. Walter H. Comee
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Dear Mr. Comee:

This is in response to your letter of July 19th, to Arthur Dean, Jr. It has been referred to me for response. You ask whether the State is liable for damage done to patient's possessions by fire at the Hospital. We are of the opinion that the State is not liable.

As you suggest it would probably be a good idea at the time of admission to advise relatives of the patient that the State can assume no liability for loss of the patient's possessions so that the relatives can take such measures as they deem necessary to safeguard these items.

Very truly yours,

Elmer T. Bourque
Assistant Attorney General

ETB/lt